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(19) (CA) **APPLICATION FOR CANADIAN PATENT** (12)

(54) Resilient Hockey Puck Backstop Goal

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RESILIENT HOCKEY PUCK BACKSTOP GOAL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sheet of rubberized fabric is stretched between the outer edges of the door jamb casing of a garage by flexible elastomeric cords that are secured to the sheet by eyelets in the sheet fixed into the fabric around the edges of the sheet.

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1 RESILIENT HOCKEY PUCK BACKSTOP GOAL 1

2 FIELD OF INVENTION 2

3 The present invention relates to a method and means for 3

4 positioning and attaching a hockey puck backstop between the 4

5 jambs of a garage doorway for use by juvenile street hockey 5

6 players as a goal. In particular the goal-backstop consists of 6

7 a rubberized resilient fabric held to the door jambs by stretch 7

8 type cords thereby permitting 'give' to the goal when struck by 8

9 a puck causing the puck to bounce back to the player. The goal 9

10 backstop has a goalie lifesize, painted on it with four corner 10

11 circles representing the outer limits of a goal, emblazoned 11

12 around the goalie and the invention is most useful to one or 12

13 more players to practice their 'slap; and ;power' shots. 13

14 PRIOR ART 14

15 It is known that street hockey players use garage doors and garage 15

16 doorway openings as a goal or backstop for their game. One 16

17 disadvantage of shooting against the door is that it may become 17

18 marked and dented by the striking of a hard puck and the puck 18

19 must be continually retrieved from in front of it. When 'slap' 19

20 shots are practiced against the door the damage to it can be 20

21 great and the noise annoying to the inmates of an adjoining 21

22 house. My invention not only saves the door from damage and 22

23 reduces noise but also rebounds the puck to the player thereby 23

24 providing a long felt want and need to street hockey players. 24

25 OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION 25

26 The principal object of the invention is to provide a goal or 26

27 backstop between the door jambs of a garage or the like that 27

28 is made of resilient elastomeric material and which can be 28

29 installed quickly and dismantled and stored easily. 29

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Another object of the invention is to provide the backstop with a picture of a goalie in lifesize goalie stance with markers depicting the corners of a goal mouth to act with the goalie as a target for hockey players to shoot pucks at. The picture could be a baseball batter at home plate for pitchers to practice pitching at; the baseball hitting the backstop having its momentum stopped and absorbed by the rubber backstop easily as with an impacting puck. It is contemplated that either side of the backstop would be used with a batter on one side and a hockey goalie on the other.

A further object of the invention is to make the backstop conformable for use in various widths of garage openings,

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The goal-backstop provided herein comprises a sheet of rubberized polyester material folded over itself along each of its four edges into which edges a fitted metal eyelets for receiving and maintaining a hooked end member of an elastomeric cord. The eyelets are spaced around the peripheral edges of the sheet with a plurality of eyelets on two opposite side edges. The sheet is stretched out between the door jambs of a garage opening and the cords attached to hooks set into the jambs and adapted to receive the other ends of the cords affixed to the eyelets of the sheet. With the latic cords affixed to the sheet and to the door jambs in a tensile fashion the rubberized sheet is set to become a backstop for street hockey players and is the "garage goalie" of the invention.

#### IN THE DRAWINGS

With the foregoing objects in view and such other objects and novel features as may become apparent from consideration of this disclosure and specification the present invention consists of

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1 a concept which is comprised and embraced in the use and 1  
2 arrangement herein exemplified in the specific embodiment of the 2  
3 concept, reference being had to the accompanying drawings 3  
4 where like numerals refer to like parts 4  
5 FIG. 1 shows the backstop fastened to the door casing of a 5  
6 garage entranceway. 6  
7 FIG. 2 shows the method of attaching a corner of the backstop 7  
8 to a door jamb by an elastic cord means, 8  
9 FIG. 3 shows a full size backstop adapted to fit the full width 9  
10 of a garage doorway and show the 'target' goalie and goal 10  
11 corners for a guide for puck shooters. 11  
12 THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION AS DEPICTED IN THE DRAWINGS 12  
13 Numeral 12 indicates a backstop sheet of rubberized polyester 13  
14 held in place between the door casing 14, 15, 16. of a garage 14  
15 entranceway. 32 is the garage structure and 40 denotes the 15  
16 smooth roadway in front of the garage 32. The backstop sheet 16  
17 12 is held taut between the door jambs 15, 16, by flexible cords 17  
18 17 which are secured each at one end 19 to an eyelet 22 located 18  
19 around the periphery 23 of sheet 12. The other end of each cord 19  
20 17 is stretchably secured as a 'bungee' cord at loose end 20  
21 18 to a hook member 20 affixed to the door jamb 15. The sheet 21  
22 12 is folded over as shown by 24 to give a strengthened means 22  
23 to the sheet where the eyelets are secured. The cords 17 are 23  
24 to the backstop as at 19 so that when end 18 is undone from 24  
25 hook 20 the sheet 12 and its attached holding cords 17 can be 25  
26 stored together when not in use as a backstop goal. Numeral 26  
27 13 denotes the garage door or the space behind when the door 27  
28 is removed. In Fig. 3 a row of eyelets 26, 27, 28, are shown 28  
29 vertically spaced to allow the sheet 12 to be used in a 29  
30 narrow doorway and the eyelets are shown secured closely to 30

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1 the door jamb casings 14,15,16. A lifesize juvenile goalie 30  
2 drawn onto the goalie sheet 12 in the stance of a goalie at the  
3 ready to receive a game shot and coloured targets 25 are embossed  
4 on the sheet to mark the four corners of the goal to assist the  
5 player in his aim for the imaginary net behind the goalie and  
6 between the targets.

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WHAT I CLAIM IS:

1. A goal for use in the game of road hockey and suitable for set up in a garage doorway comprising in combination; a sheet of rubberized fabric material containing along its edges eyelet members for receiving flexible elastomeric cords detachably secured to hook means fixed in the door jambs of said garage doorway and having embossed thereon a goalie figure and targets set out around the goalie figure to demark the corners of an imaginary goal behind said goalie.
2. The goal as claimed in claim 1 wherein said sheet is rectangular in shape and of a size to cover a garage door and being attached to the outer edges of the door jambs of said garage thereby ensuring that the door does not mark by a game member being shot against said door.

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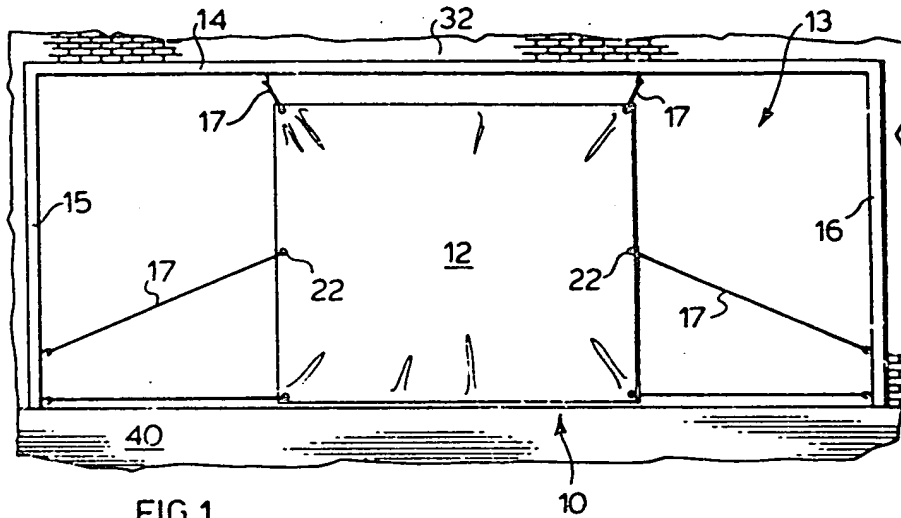


FIG. 1.

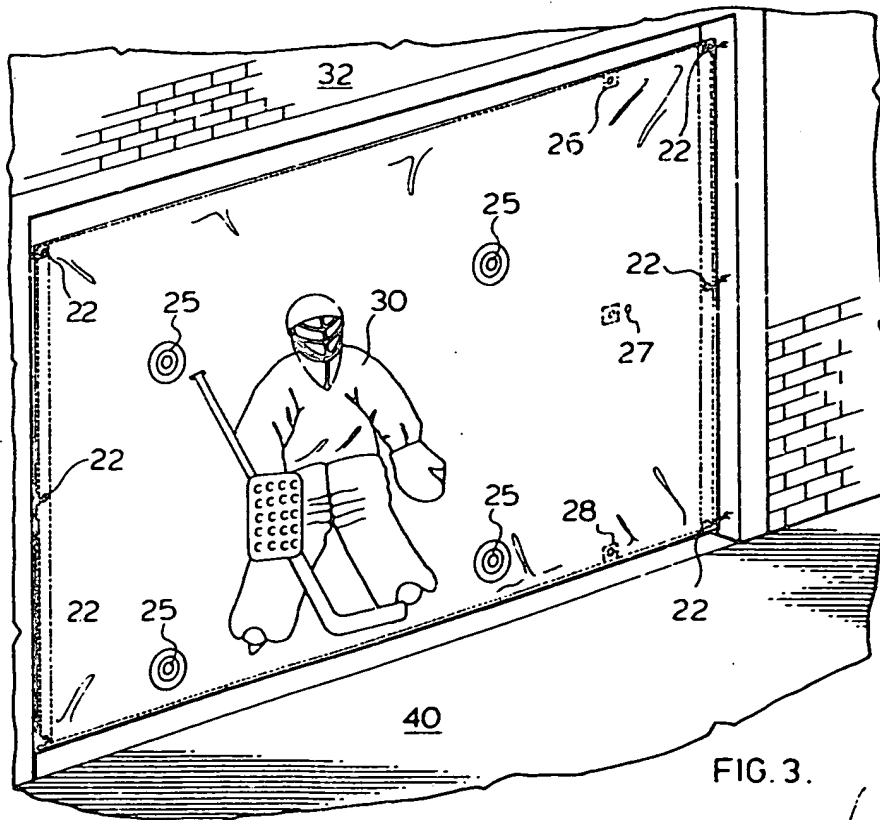


FIG. 3.

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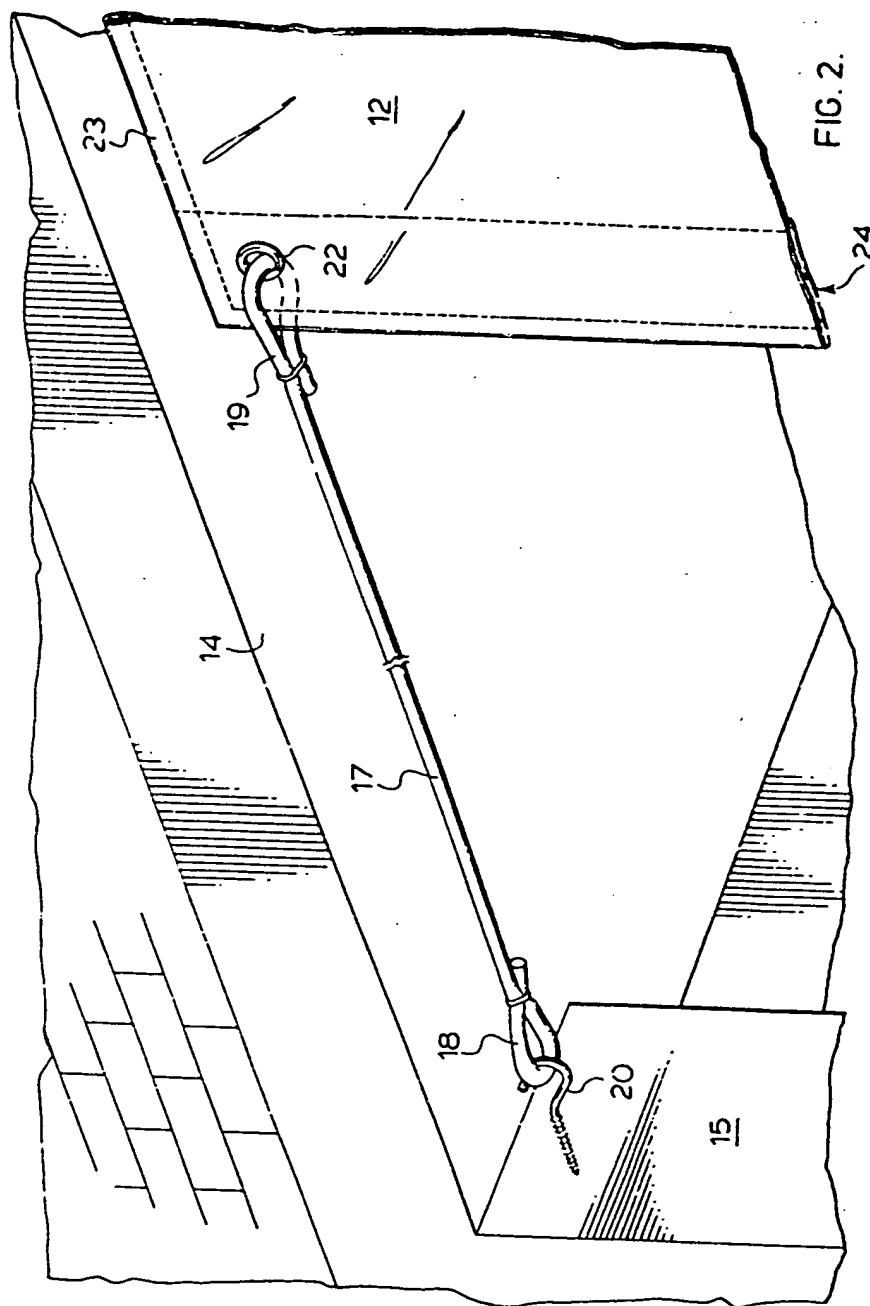


FIG. 2.

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